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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL ITEMS WHICH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY MAY RAISE
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: (A) KINGSTON 7341, (B) KINGSTON 6370

1. IN DECEMBER 6 DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. TREVOR BYER, CHIEF OF
ENERGY DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES
(SEE REF A) WE WERE ASSURED THAT MANLEY WOULD MOST LIKELY
SEEK ASSISTANCE IN THE ENERGY FIELD WHEN HE MEETS WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER ON DECEMBER 16. (SEE REF B).

2. ACCORDING TO BYER, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL RAISE ONE OR
MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A) ASSISTANCE FOR AN OUTSIDE ASSESSMENT OF THE GOJ'S
FIVE YEAR ENERGY PLAN (SEE REF A).

B) ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
AND DEMONSTRATION DIVISION WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH COUNCIL. THE DIVISION WOULD WORK ON NON-
TRADITIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS
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SOLAR HEATING, DRYING, HEAT EXCHANGERS, ETC.

C) ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES
OF THIS DIVISION.

3. WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER DETAILS ON 2B AND C.

4. BYER ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRIME

MINISTER WOULD INQUIRE ABOUT U.S. INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE (KISSINGER PROPOSAL) WHICH THE GOJ BELIEVES WOULD BE VALUABLE AND WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON RECENTLY DISCUSSED AT THE UNITED NATIONS. HE ALSO SAID THE INSTITUTE WAS THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY JAMAICAN OFFICIALS WITH DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON.

5. OUR PRELIMINARY JUDGEMENT IS THAT THE PROPOSED ENERGY DIVISION AND ITS ACTIVITIES ARE WORTHWHILE INITIATIVES BUT WE SUGGEST THAT ANY DEFINITIVE RESPONSE AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE PLANNED ASSESSMENT WHICH IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN SOON. (SEE REF A). COULD THE "NEW PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CREATE ENERGY PROGRAMS" BE A POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THESE INITIATIVES?.
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